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Land use public meeting process complete in Pike, continues in Wayne Township

INDIANAPOLIS – The land use planning phase of *Indianapolis Insight*, the update to the Comprehensive Plan for Marion County, reached a milestone in September as the public meeting process was completed in Pike Township.

After kicking off in May 2002, the Pike Township public meetings concluded with citizens contributing more than 300 volunteer hours to the process.

“We have been very pleased with citizen participation thus far,” said Keith Holdsworth, principal planner and coordinator of *Indianapolis Insight*. “Meeting attendees have been well informed and eager to work with city planners in making important decisions on land use.”

Due to the strong citizen input in Pike, city planners were able gather all necessary information to complete the public process in just seven meetings, Holdsworth said. Originally, staff in the city’s Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD) had planned on hosting nine public meetings to gather citizen input on land use.

The opportunity for public participation continues this month in Wayne Township with a land use planning meeting on October 21 at 7 p.m. at the Wayne Township Fire Department Administration Building, 700 N. High School Road.

Also, in an effort to ensure coordination between neighboring townships during this land use planning phase, city planners are hosting a combined public meeting this month for residents of both Wayne and Pike Townships. The meeting will take place on October 7 at 7 p.m. at Gambold Middle School, 3725 Keil Avenue.

“Public input is a vital component of updating the comprehensive plan,” Holdsworth said. “This plan will shape the future of land use and development in our city’s eight outer townships, and these meetings enable residents to play an active role in this important decision making process.”

After beginning in Pike and Wayne Townships, the public meetings will continue in Perry and Lawrence early next year, followed by Washington and Warren, and Decatur and Franklin Townships respectively. The agenda of each township meeting will build upon discussions and outcomes of previous meetings, so residents are encouraged to attend as frequently as possible.

The order of the township planning meetings was determined by ranking the townships based on land use needs and urgency.

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Indianapolis Insight, developed by DMD's Division of Planning, is comprised of two phases: community values, which was completed earlier this year, and land use. The land use component is required by state law as the basis for zoning and includes both objectives and policies for future land use development that involves public ways, places, land, structures and utilities.

The public meeting schedule is available online at indygov.org/dmdplan/indianapolisinsight.